

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. – 28. (canceled)

29. (currently amended) ~~The dispensing container according to claim 1, wherein the hanging support structure comprises at least one hanging aperture disposed in a wall of the tubular body~~ A dispensing container, operably configured to be suspended from a support for the facilitated dispensing of fluent material, the dispensing container comprising:

a generally tubular body, having a closure structure disposed proximate an opening in an upper portion of the tubular body;

the tubular body further having a bottom dispensing region, having an internal cross-sectional area that decreases from an upper portion of the bottom dispensing region to a lower portion of the bottom dispensing region for collecting and guiding fluent material contained therein toward a localized area,

the tubular body, including the closure structure and the bottom dispensing region collectively defining and enclosing a fluent material containment volume;

a nozzle receiving structure, operably disposed in the bottom dispensing region, for securely but releasably, restrainedly receiving a dispensing nozzle so that an inlet aperture of the dispensing nozzle received by the nozzle receiving structure opens onto the fluent material containment region, in the bottom dispensing region; and

a hanging support structure, operably connected to the tubular body, to enable the dispensing container to be removably hung upon and supported by a projecting support member, wherein the hanging support structure comprises at least one hanging aperture disposed in a wall of the tubular body,

said generally tubular body being fabricated from at least one of paper, paperboard, and corrugated paperboard.

30. (currently amended) A blank for forming a dispensing container, operably configured to be suspended from a support for the facilitated dispensing of fluent material, the blank comprising:

a plurality of at least three substantially rectangular side wall panels, operably connected to one another along longitudinally extending lines of weakness extending between adjacent ones of the side wall panels, for enabling the side wall panels to be articulated with respect to one another to form, in part, a generally tubular body having an opening in an upper portion of the generally tubular body;

at least one top closure panel, operably connected to at least one of the side wall panels, along a top peripheral region thereof, for providing a closure structure proximate the opening formed in the upper portion of a generally tubular body formed upon articulation of the plurality of substantially rectangular side wall panels;

a plurality of bottom panels, operably connected to at least three side walls, along bottom peripheral regions thereof, which are operably configured, upon articulation of the blank into a container, to enable the formation of a bottom dispensing region having an internal cross-sectional area that decreases from an upper portion of the bottom dispensing region to a lower portion of the bottom dispensing region for collecting and guiding fluent material contained therein toward a localized area;

the plurality of at least three side wall panels, the at least one top closure panel, and the plurality of bottom panels collectively forming the generally tubular body and defining and enclosing, upon articulation of the blank into a container, a fluent material containment volume;

~~nozzle~~ a nozzle receiving structure, operably disposed in at least one of the bottom panels, for securely but releasably, restrainedly receiving a dispensing nozzle, upon articulation of the blank into a container, so that an inlet aperture of ~~a dispensing~~ the dispensing nozzle received by the nozzle receiving structure opens onto the fluent material containment region, in the bottom dispensing region; and

at least one hanging aperture, disposed in one of the at least three substantially rectangular side wall panels;

the blank being fabricated from at least one of the following materials: paper; paperboard; corrugated paperboard.

31. (original) The dispensing container according to claim 28, wherein the hanging support structure comprises at least one hanging aperture, disposed in a wall of the tubular body.